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1. The economic activity of Kweichow province is almost negligible. It is called the poorest province in China. There are some coal deposits in the northwestern part of the province and some antimony and mercury in the eastern sections [REDACTED]. There are only two major highways in Kweichow province, one north and south and one east and west, intersecting at Kweiyang. They are in the exact state as they were during World War II when the US Army was in the province. The north-south road extends to Chungking and Chengtu. The railroad from Kwangsi province does not extend as far north as the highway running east and west.

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2. Agriculturally, the province supplies cotton and tobacco but on a moderate scale. A soil expert formerly located at Kweichow University told me that the Chinese Communist Government planned to make Kweichow province the tobacco center of the whole country. [REDACTED]

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3. The subject of slave labor in Kweichow province is a difficult question. [REDACTED] it is an extremely poor province; the people live at the subsistence levels when they are free. [REDACTED] many people under guard who were working repairing and building roads and making bricks from clay and water. These people were separated from their families, slept in a prison, and were in rags. [REDACTED] They were not beaten because they did what they were told, and most important, they were fed. It is almost impossible to compare this imprisonment with their previous state of hunger, and to declare it worse. Although Kweichow province needs population, many were killed [REDACTED] In Kweiyang [REDACTED] a truckload of people being taken away to be killed, that the Chinese Communists must have killed thousands of Chinese [REDACTED]

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